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OFFICIAL PAPER FOR BENTON COUNTY

AN EXPENSIVE CALF.

At the last term of the Circuit Court for this county the complaint of Miles Wilkins the grand jury indicted a Mr. Jones for the larceny of a calf found in Jones's possession which Wilkins claimed to be his. Jones was brought before a trial jury and a large number of witnesses testified on both sides. After the case was submitted to the jury they were only out a very short time when they returned into court with their verdict finding Jones not guilty. All those present at the trial whom we have heard speak of the matter, seemed to think the case on the part of the prosecuting witness against Jones to be the thinnest pretext ever heard of to put a man on trial for a crime. The case seemed to develop the fact, that the two men, Wilkins and Jones had been in an honest dispute about the ownership of the calf, each claiming it. But in place of Wilkins bearing the burden of his own lawsuit, to test the right of property, by bringing an action to recover possession of the calf; he went before the grand jury and had Jones indicted, and put the burden of his law suit on Benton county. In doing so he succeeded admirably because by Jones coming clear the costs had to be paid by the county, costing the tax-payers about five or six hundred dollars, in order to fight Mr. Wilkins case, and protect his supposed calf. A motion was made after the trial of Jones to make Wilkins (the prosecuting witness) pay the cost, but owing to the peculiar view the court took of the construction of the law, he refused the motion and left the county to pay the same. After this the matter remained quiet until about two weeks ago, when Wilkins took the calf into his possession and Jones sued to recover it back again. After swearing about thirty witnesses on each side, the jury brought in their verdict that Jones was the owner of the calf and so it remains at this time.

The whole affair then presents the fact, that Jones was indicted by the grand jury of this county, at the instance of Wilkins for stealing his own calf; and the tax-payers of this county had to "pungle" to the tune of five or six hundred dollars in order to enable Wilkins to find out that the calf belonged to Jones. It is our custom not to comment upon matters while they are before the court for trial; but as we now understand that this matter has finally passed out of the courts; we feel at liberty to notify the public of one of the many instances how the taxes they pay are consumed. There is hardly a term of the Circuit Court in Oregon, but what some person appears before the grand jury, with his witnesses, for the purpose of trying his private rights with some other person, who disputes with him as to his rights. Many times such cases fail to reach indictments; but the expense is made before the grand jury and no person, other than the grand jury know in what form such expense are incurred. We sincerely hope, that the tax-payers of this county may be permitted, to excuse themselves and forever bid adieu to Jones' calf.

"JUDICIAL MIND" FOR RECORDER.

Shackled to the City for \$900 to \$1100 Per Year. His Liberty in a Great and Pleasurable Sense is Taken From Him Because He Gets From \$900 to \$1100 per year for Laboring One-Fourth of His Time. For several issues of the GAZETTE we have been noticing the fact that the office of Recorder of Corvallis is paid much too high for the amount of service rendered, and at last we have found a "judicial mind," who comes forward and publishes to the people of this municipality, under the title of "Fault Finders Noticed," and who signs himself the nondescript "Fair Play" but who in fact is Mr. S. T. Jeffreys, the present incumbent of the Recorder's office. This article of Mr. Jeffreys, so treats the subject in such a manner as to mislead the public as to the facts connected with the subject, that we feel inclined to notice some of them, although the article appears over such an innocent name as "Fair Play." This judicial mind, Mr. Jeffreys, deems his argument partly gained when he denounces all those who may presume to question the Recorder's pay being too high as "Fault Finders," "fossil

grumblers who live around drug stores and barber shops" &c., and thus it always has been in all ages of the world, that we find "judicial minds," with enlarged views of propriety, who pay little or no taxes or revenue into the public treasury, and who are willing to hold the public officers, and draw their pay for filling such offices, from the tax payers, and when these tax payers, the commonwealth, presume to invade the sacred liberties of that official with a "judicial mind," to simply inquire and discuss where the taxes go to, which they pay out every year, and whether they are paying such public officer their servant more than the labors of the office justly deserves, such officer rears back upon his "pastor joints" with his head raised heavenward, and while he presumes to assume an attitude of almost divine authority he by intimation says you "fault finders" who pay the taxes, you have no right to question the amount of official pay which I receive. You old "fossil grumblers who live around drug stores and barber shops" who pay the taxes from which I draw my official pay, you have no right to discuss the question as to where your money goes to or whether the pay of your public servant is too great or not. Such flings as "Fault Finders" "fossil grumblers who live around drug stores and barber shops" may be convincing arguments to "judicial minds" such as are particularly adopted to fill the Recorder's office, but with common sensible minds who pay the taxes to keep up the expenses of the government and who reason from their experience and observation of things do not regard it as at all convincing. Mr. Jeffreys laboring under the influence of a mighty "judicial mind," based upon his experience in office growing out of the clerical branch of his duties, states for public information, that the night watch gets \$730 in city scrip every year for watching the city every night during the 12 months. This statement is good so far as it goes, but thus far it misleads the public because in addition the night-watch gets the regular fee for all the arrests which he makes at the rate of \$3 1/2 or \$4 each. However, we are not prepared to say that this is too much pay for the night-watch, but on the contrary we have always maintained that the night-watch was not paid too much; but the point in alluding to it is that when a public officer possessing a "judicial mind" volunteers to publish statements ostensibly for public information, he should not stop by stating part of the truth, but he should state the whole truth. Again he states that the Marshal gets about \$640 from the city, in city scrip during the year. In this statement like the former he fails to give the full pay received by the Marshal because he stops short of stating the whole fact in this that he neglects to give the amount received by the Marshal during the year in the way of fees outside of what the city pays him. But the Marshal's office like the night-watch as it takes their entire time if they make good officials and do their duty we have always expressed the idea that they were likely not paid too much. Another very convincing argument used by this judicial minded Recorder in his estimation although not correctly stated wherein he says: "The expenses of this office seems to bother the GAZETTE. I think it illy becomes a man to argue that the pay is disproportionate to the labor done, who for glancing over the recorded deeds of a man's property and possibly taking a day's time will charge \$25 or more." The above quotation furnishes another knock down argument no doubt to a "judicial mind" convincing him that the Recorder's fees are not high; but to the minds of us common herd it amounts to nothing and especially when we learn that there is no truth in the statement made in the above quotation. Because in the first place there are a half dozen other things to do requiring much more time than glancing at the recorded deeds of a man's property before a person can have made a thorough and safe abstract of a man's title. In the second place for a days work at such work as examining titles we have never charged \$25 or more nor more than half so much. In the third place if a man should charge for examining titles in proportion to the amount of pay received by the recorder he should have to charge at least \$100 each. We don't mean to say that Mr. Jeffreys has purposely made this misstatement, but sometimes "judicial minds" arrogate to themselves an understanding of matters and attempt to instruct the public about it when really and in fact they know

nothing about the facts about which they claim to speak. Now we come to that great and "highest office" of the city which requires a "judicial mind" and Mr. Jeffreys tells the public that the city pays him \$820 in city scrip, but he fails to tell the whole truth so that the public may have full information on the subject by neglecting to tell how much the city Recorder receives outside of what the city pays him. Mr. Jeffreys, in private conversation freely admits that he will make during the present official year at least \$900. Mr. Sawtell last year made about \$1100 out of the recorder's office when in fact the duties thereof could have been performed by consuming not more than one third of their time in either year. Plenty of men just as well calculated to fill the recorder's office as these gentlemen who generally occupy it can be found, who if they were to start out to find a situation would not be able to get more than five or six hundred dollars per year for every hour of their time except Sundays during the whole year. Then why in the name of common sense can not the recorder's office be filled by some person in our town having some other kind of business and having time sufficient to spare to perform the duties of recorder under a fee bill with the fees reduced to half the amount of the present fees. We feel safe in saying that there is not a lawyer in this town who has no business out side of his profession to look after, who would not be willing to take the recorder's office under a fee bill which would pay him three or four hundred dollars per year. We don't blame these recorders for getting all the office will legitimately pay. But the idea that in order to perform the duties of recorder and make a good officer it requires a man with special judicial training is only so many high sounding words amounting to no more than "bosh." Any good steady man with fair business ideas and willing to follow established forms in his clerical duties can make a good recorder. These judicial minds may not think so but the "fault-finders" and "grumblers" who pay the taxes and thereby bear the burden of the day assume to say so because they differ from "judicial minds" who hold the office and get the taxes therefor.

CITY RECORDER'S OFFICE A FAT TAKE.

Some of our people who think our city Recorder's pay is not too high and especially those who were recently candidates for the position can see what people from abroad say of the matter. We quote from the Daily Standard as follows: "There is to be a city election at Corvallis next Monday, and the city is becoming excited accordingly over the event. There are four candidates for city recorder. Must be a 'fat take.'" The term "fat take" made use of is a familiar term used by printers and newspaper men by which is meant a job wherein there is big pay and little or nothing to do in return for such pay. And is certainly the case when four or five candidates are found running for a little municipal office that it is sure to be a "fat take."

NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST.

The Hyvale discharged 720 tons of tin at Astoria. Another addition is to be made to Baker City. A stage line is in demand between Echo and Heppner. Sheep men in Umattilla county have commenced shearing. The I. O. G. T. Grand Lodge will meet at Astoria on June 3rd. It is feared that the frost last week injured the fruit crop in Baker county. Abe Hackleman, of Eastern Oregon, sold 3000 head of cattle for \$410,000. Fifty cents has been offered to one hop raiser for his crop already. An attempt was made by six prisoners recently to escape from the jail at Astoria. The total number of return certificates issued to Chinamen who have left San Francisco for China, since the restriction act took effect is 6695. The McMinnville Amateur Brass Band has been organized and will soon commence practicing in earnest. W. H. Vanderbilt sailed for Europe on Saturday last, where he expects to spend the summer with several members of his family. On the next trip May 15th, the paymaster expects to go by rail to the Cow creek tunnel. The contemplated woolen mills at Eugene City are said to become a fact, and that they will soon be erected. Mr. Frank Hill, residing near Dayton, had a valuable span of mules killed on last Tuesday by a tree falling on them. The Heppner Gazette has met with such flattering success that it promises to enlarge to make room for its advertising patronage. The town of Dayton which has passed through the fire several times, has established fire limits, within which only certain classes of houses can be constructed.

Hay sells at \$20 at Heppner. Tacoma is rapidly improving. Beef is retailing at 25 cents in Seattle. Dayton W. T., is discussing the sewerage question. Drunken Indians annoy the citizens of Ellensburg. A side track and water tank is being built at Alkali. Strawberries are getting ripe in Douglas county. Land is being rapidly settled up in Douglas county. The new bank building at Roseburg is about completed. An organized band of claim jumpers is said to exist at Alpha. Seattle coal exports during April aggregated 10,500 tons. Over 18,000 buffaloes have been killed in Montana this season. Additional machinery is to be made to the Ashland woolen mills. Two or three hundred passengers arrive at Tacoma by every steamer. Olympia dogs have to pay a tax of \$1 50 to \$3, according to sex. Mrs. Mary Torry, aged eighty years, died on the 21 inst. at Willbur. They have a 100 gallon capacity whisky distillery in Jackson county. A six foot vein of coal has been discovered just north of Cathlamet. The Fannie Paddock hospital at New Tacoma is crowded with patients. The two escaped convicts from the Seacoast penitentiary have been recaptured. During March 37 steamers, 15 ships, 39 barks and 55 schooners passed Cape Flattery. H. N. Muzzy of Spokane Falls, had his face lacerated by the "kicking" of a gun. Thirty acres of hop roots have been set out in one neighborhood in Lane county. The Elk Head Quicksilver mines is now turning out fifty pounds of quicksilver per day. Mr. J. E. Elkin's team ran away near Buena Vista, and threw him out, dislocating his shoulder. Harrington is the name of a new town in the Big Bend country, twenty-five miles north of Sprague. Andrew C. Masterson died at Walla Walla the 6th inst. He settled in that section twenty years ago. Deaths at Seattle for the months of February, March and April were fifty-four, twenty-nine being males. The O. R. & N. Co. has transferred all of its property in Walla Walla to the N. P. R. R. Terminal Co. The break in the wharf at Tacoma by the steamer San Pedro will cost \$1200 for repairs. The increased acreage of hops in Yakima county will this year be double as much as the year past. Freight is carried from The Dalles to Yakima City, 100 miles, at \$2 per hundred pounds. Wallawa valley is said to have 200,000 acres of land that is susceptible of cultivation. The assessor of Pierce county, W. T., claims 8000 inhabitants. This includes both of the Tacomas. Pat O'Neil who lives near Tacoma, killed a cougar with a club. It must have been a small cougar, or a big club. Cannery men are paying \$1 a piece for salmon. One cannery near Skomocoway pays \$1.10. Mr. F. Hill of Yamhill county, had a valuable pair of mules killed by a tree falling upon them. George Ely, a farmer near Centerville, shows a bunch of winter wheat fourteen inches in height. The Oregon Construction Company will put 4000 Chinamen at work on the Blue Mountain division soon. Mary A. Langley, of Baker county, fell from a swing and laid perfectly unconscious for two weeks before she died. A Chinaman was killed and another seriously wounded at Susanville, on Elk creek, in Grant county on Sunday last. General Frank Wheaton is now at the Vancouver barracks, acting department commander in the absence of General Miles. Up to Saturday night Seattle had raised \$10,000 for the Cedar Valley railroad, and expects to get the remainder before Oct. 1st. The Oregon Short line on the 16th began to deliver passengers at the new terminus of the Wood river branch, twenty-two miles north of Shoshone. Senator J. N. Dolph, P. G. M., will deliver the oration at the laying of the cornerstone of the new Old Fellows' Orphans' home, on the 17th of May. A wolf club has been organized by the citizens who reside on Clackamas river, to protect their flocks of sheep from wolves. A bounty will be paid for the scalps. Mr. H. G. Hurlburt, says the Astorian with surveying party was at that place on Friday. This party is to examine the country with regard to timber and survey a road. Track laying is progressing finely on the O. R. & N. line. They are now within a mile or two of the mouth of Meacham creek a distance of twenty-five miles from Penleton. The Columbian River Lumbering Co., who represent a capital of \$1,500,000, will commence in June to erect an extensive mill for the purpose of shipping fir lumber to the East. It is a Philadelphia company. The location is near Astoria. A boy named Smith, in Polk county, fell last Monday and ran a large farming needle into his right eye, and ran the bone next to the nose, where it broke off. He was taken to Albany and had the needle extracted and there is hope of saving the eyesight. A Pendleton paper says that a squaw fold a lady in that place recently that Indian braves would band together and fight the soldiers this summer. Very good news, as more land would be open to settlement next year.

the stage in Southern Oregon has changed to summer schedule. Sheriff Gemm and posse are still pursuing the murderer Cotner. The editor of the Waitsburg Times has gone to Kansas on a visit. Douglas county lumbermen are to meet and adopt a uniform price for lumber. Mr. Shanks purchased in Jackson county 4,300 head of sheep for \$5,000. He will drive them to Montana. The Saranac and str Walla Walla both got stuck on the St. Helena bar on last Friday They got off on Saturday. Eugene Chausser, a 13-year old boy got into a scuffle with another boy at Jacksonville and got his arm broken. The contested right to the town site of The Dalles has at length been decided in favor of the city, by the supreme court. A band of 7000 wethers has been started from Heppner for Kansas, where they will be wintered and fattened for Chicago markets. A chinaman was "blown to kingdom come," by a blast of powder, at the railroad front in Southern Oregon last Thursday. Three prisoners escaped from the jail at Pendleton on last Friday night, but two of them returned the next day and gave themselves up. The body of an unknown man but supposed to be Peter George who was drowned at Clifton about a month ago, was found at Tongue point on Saturday. Dr. C. Munson, who has been engaged in the best sugar manufacture in California, has arrived at New Tacoma and expects to establish a manufactory at this place. Mrs. Geo. E. Myers had an arm dislocated by being thrown from a wagon at Spokane Falls on Tuesday of last week. Capt. Gore, of the Spokane, found the body of a man floating in the river below Monumental rapids April 29th. The body is probably that of a Chinaman. The Yakima river is rising rapidly. Recent rains in the Yakima section has started grass and cattle are doing well. Both fall and spring sown grain looks healthy. A young man named John Harer was thrown from a horse near Walla Walla Saturday afternoon. Both legs were broken below the knee. Inflammation set in. Delaying surgical assistance. A wrecking force left San Francisco last Friday for the scene of the Eureka's disaster. They are accompanied by a diver, and attempt will be made to save the vessel. Two men at the new town of Julia last week concluded that one or the other had lived long enough, so they proceeded to empty their revolvers at each other without any effect, only to frighten the bystanders. The people of Yakima county are subscribing liberally toward building the wagon-road to connect Seattle with the Yakima county. Arrangements have been perfected for the immediate building of the Multnomah Railway company's line from East Portland to Vancouver. The road is to be finished by August 1 next. The Shoalwater bay oyster beds are giving evidence of recuperation, and it is thought the damage by last winter's severity has been overestimated. One day, this past winter, when the payroll on the front of the N. P. R. R. was called, there were 86 men missing and no one knew what had become of them. Butchers from The Dalles are offering \$60 per head for dry cows and two-year-olds, and \$70 a head for big steers in Haystack valley, but none are offered for sale. A new stern wheel steamer called the Glide was launched at Seattle on the 10th. Five other steamers, unnamed, are now on the stocks, and will follow her into the water as soon as their builders can get them ready. Officials state that the Central Pacific railroad work on the Oregon division is being rapidly pushed forward. A large stretch of masonry has been constructed, and from the beginning of the past two weeks they have put to work three thousand men at grading. The rapid settlement of Fox valley within the last few years has created a demand for the establishment of a postoffice there, and the Postoffice department has just completed its arrangements to this end. The new office is called Fox, and John J. Buckmaster is Postmaster. F. Hofer after sinking a well near Waitsburg to a depth of eighty feet failed to get water. He then went over the hill about eighty yards and got six feet of water by sinking twenty feet. He found the skeleton and antlers of a very large deer at a depth of seventy feet under ground in his first well. A young man by the name of Wm. Kirby, was hauling rails on the hills west of McMinnville, when the wagon, team and all went rolling down the hill, passing entirely over William, who, strange to say, escaped without injury. The horses and wagon went tumbling down the hill for several hundred feet, badly hurting the horses and destroying the wagon. Henry Villard's car was run through Nevada at the rate of almost a mile a minute. Hank Small, the famous engineer of the Jarrett-Palmer train of five years ago handled the locomotive on the Sacramento division. Four changes of trainmen were made on the Union Pacific, and five on the Central Pacific. Mr. Villard presented each engineer and conductor with \$10, and each brakeman and freeman with \$5. Work on the eastern extension of the Northern Pacific is progressing very rapidly. The road is now completed several miles this side of Roseman, the grading finished to Helena, and the track is being laid at the rate of one and a half miles per day. On the west division, the track is being laid at the rate of one mile per day, and will reach Missoula, it is claimed, some time this month, at which time a gap of something like one hundred and sixty miles will remain to complete the Northern Pacific through to the Pacific. It is expected to have the entire road completed some time in August, and open for through business in September.

In the opening of his speech at the state university at Eugene, Mr. Villard said that in introducing him President Johnson had not pronounced his name correctly. It is frequently spoken that way like the English word Willard. He said he does not sound the d, and then pronounced his name, sounding both syllables, with the accent a little the strongest on the last syllable—Vil-lard. It is said that the Oregon and Transcontinental, after paying the dividend due April 16th, will have over \$2,000,000 cash in its treasury derived from the profits of construction. The company had outstanding in Sept. last, 24,760 shares of stock and owned Oregon Navigation stocks to the par value of \$35,000,000. The company now has outstanding 35,000 shares of stock and it is alleged owns securities as follows, par value: Oregon Navigation, \$9,000,000; Northern Pacific preferred, \$16,000,000; do common, \$26,000,000; total, \$51,000,000. PORTLAND BUSINESS COLLEGE. (Old "NATIONAL," Established 1862. 128 Front St., Between Washington and Alder, PORTLAND, - - OREGON. An institution designed for the practical business education of both sexes. Students Admitted on any week-day of the year. No vacation at any time, and no examination on entering. Scholarship, for Full Business Course, \$60. PEN WORK Of all kinds executed to order at reasonable rates. Satisfaction guaranteed. The College Journal, containing information of the course of study, when to enter, time required, cost of board, etc., and cuts of ornamental penmanship, from the pen of Prof. Wasco, sent free. Address - A. P. ARMSTRONG, Lock Box 104, Portland, Oregon. 19-31 m9

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